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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 27, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.